

CERCLA 104(e) INFORMATION REQUEST
URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL # [REDACTED]

Ashland Oil Company
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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Re: SBA Shipyard Superfund Site, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
CERCLIS #: LAD008434185; Information Request Pursuant to
CERCLA Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is involved in an ongoing investigation of the releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site (Site) located in Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the contamination of the Site. A Superfund site is a site contaminated with high levels of hazardous substances that may present a threat to human health and the environment.

The EPA is seeking to obtain information concerning the generation, storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal methods of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that have been or threaten to be released from the Site. In addition, EPA will identify activities, materials, and parties that contributed to contamination at the Site. The EPA has information that you may have had a business relationship with the past and/or present owners of the Site or you may have information with respect to the December 9, 2002, Interim Measures/Removal Action (IM/RA) conducted at the Site.

This information request is not a determination that you are responsible or potentially responsible for contamination that occurred at the Site. The EPA is sending you this letter as part of its investigation of the circumstances related to the Site and does not expect you to pay for or perform any site-related activities at this time. Should EPA determine that you are responsible or potentially responsible for response activity at the Site, you will receive a separate letter clearly stating such a determination as well as the basis EPA has for making such a determination.

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), gives the EPA the authority to require you to respond to this information request (see Enclosure 1). We encourage you to give this matter its full attention, and ***we respectfully request that you respond to this request for information within thirty (30) days of its receipt of this letter.*** You may designate another official with the requisite authority to respond on your behalf. However, failure to respond to this information request may result in the EPA seeking penalties of up to \$37,500.00 per day of violation. In addition, furnishing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations is subject to criminal penalty under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Please provide a written response to Mr. Kenneth Talton, Enforcement Officer, at the address included in the Information Request. Please refer to the enclosures below, which include important instructions and definitions, as well as the questions for response, in the preparation of your reply to this Information Request.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Mr. Kenneth Talton at (214) 665-7475. For legal questions concerning this letter, please have your legal counsel contact Ms. I-Jung Chiang, at (214) 665-2160. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Banipal, P.E.
Associate Director
Technical and Enforcement Branch (SF-T)
Superfund Division

Enclosures: Information Request